

B1 (Official Form 1)(04/13)

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois		Voluntary Petition
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Washington, Carolyn		Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): AKA Carolyn M Washington		All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN)/Complete EIN (if more than one, state all) xxx-xx-8131		Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN (if more than one, state all)
Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): 1422 N. Latrobe Chicago, IL <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP Code 60651</div>		Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP Code</div>
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook		County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP Code</div>		Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP Code</div>
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):		
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	Nature of Business (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding
Chapter 15 Debtors Country of debtor's center of main interests: Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or against debtor is pending:	Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code).	Nature of Debts (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts.
Filing Fee (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.		Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,490,925 (<i>amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every three years thereafter</i>). Check all applicable boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
Statistical/Administrative Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.		THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY
Estimated Number of Creditors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 100,000		
Estimated Assets <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion		
Estimated Liabilities <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion		

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):
Washington, Carolyn

All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet)

Location Where Filed: Northern District Illinois	Case Number: 11-45719	Date Filed: 11/10/11
Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:

Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)

Name of Debtor: - None -	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)

☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.

Exhibit B

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

X /s/ Ainat Margalit September 25, 2015
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)
Ainat Margalit

Exhibit C

Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?

- ☐ Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.
☒ No.

Exhibit D

(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)

☒ Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

If this is a joint petition:

☐ Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue

(Check any applicable box)

- ☒ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.
☐ Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.

Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property

(Check all applicable boxes)

☐ Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)

(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)

(Address of landlord)

- ☐ Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and
☐ Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.
☐ Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):
Washington, Carolyn

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.
[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.
[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X /s/ Carolyn Washington
Signature of Debtor Carolyn Washington

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)
September 25, 2015
Date

Signature of Attorney*

X /s/ Ainat Margalit
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)
Ainat Margalit ARDC No. 6281966
Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

LAF
Firm Name
120 S. LaSalle, Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60603-3425

Address

312-341-1070 Fax: 312-341-1041
Telephone Number
September 25, 2015
Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

_____ Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

- ☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. §1515 are attached.

☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X _____
Signature of Foreign Representative

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

_____ Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.)(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X _____
Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

In re Carrolyn Washington, Case No. _____
Debtor

SCHEDULE A - REAL PROPERTY

Except as directed below, list all real property in which the debtor has any legal, equitable, or future interest, including all property owned as a cotenant, community property, or in which the debtor has a life estate. Include any property in which the debtor holds rights and powers exercisable for the debtor's own benefit. If the debtor is married, state whether husband, wife, both, or the marital community own the property by placing an "H," "W," "J," or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community." If the debtor holds no interest in real property, write "None" under "Description and Location of Property."

Do not include interests in executory contracts and unexpired leases on this schedule. List them in Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

If an entity claims to have a lien or hold a secured interest in any property, state the amount of the secured claim. See Schedule D. If no entity claims to hold a secured interest in the property, write "None" in the column labeled "Amount of Secured Claim." If the debtor is an individual or if a joint petition is filed, state the amount of any exemption claimed in the property only in Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt.

Description and Location of Property	Nature of Debtor's Interest in Property	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	Current Value of Debtor's Interest in Property, without Deducting any Secured Claim or Exemption	Amount of Secured Claim
1422 N. Latrobe, Chicago, IL 60651 PIN 16-04-114-033-0000	Ownership	-	77,000.00	97,774.00

Sub-Total > 77,000.00 (Total of this page)
Total > 77,000.00
(Report also on Summary of Schedules)

0 continuation sheets attached to the Schedule of Real Property

B6D (Official Form 6D) (12/07)

In re Carrolyn Washington

Case No. _____

Debtor

SCHEDULE D - CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

State the name, mailing address, including zip code, and last four digits of any account number of all entities holding claims secured by property of the debtor as of the date of filing of the petition. The complete account number of any account the debtor has with the creditor is useful to the trustee and the creditor and may be provided if the debtor chooses to do so. List creditors holding all types of secured interests such as judgment liens, garnishments, statutory liens, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other security interests.

List creditors in alphabetical order to the extent practicable. If a minor child is a creditor, the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. See, 11 U.S.C. §112 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m). If all secured creditors will not fit on this page, use the continuation sheet provided.

If any entity other than a spouse in a joint case may be jointly liable on a claim, place an "X" in the column labeled "Codebtor", include the entity on the appropriate schedule of creditors, and complete Schedule H - Codebtors. If a joint petition is filed, state whether the husband, wife, both of them, or the marital community may be liable on each claim by placing an "H", "W", "J", or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community".

If the claim is contingent, place an "X" in the column labeled "Contingent". If the claim is unliquidated, place an "X" in the column labeled "Unliquidated". If the claim is disputed, place an "X" in the column labeled "Disputed". (You may need to place an "X" in more than one of these three columns.)

Total the columns labeled "Amount of Claim Without Deducting Value of Collateral" and "Unsecured Portion, if Any" in the boxes labeled "Total(s)" on the last sheet of the completed schedule. Report the total from the column labeled "Amount of Claim" also on the Summary of Schedules and, if the debtor is an individual with primarily consumer debts, report the total from the column labeled "Unsecured Portion" on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.

☐ Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding secured claims to report on this Schedule D.

CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.)	C O D E B T O R	H U S B A N D W I F E J O I N T C O M M U N I T Y	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED, NATURE OF LIEN, AND DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LIEN	C O N T I N G E N T	U N L I Q U I D A T E D	D I S P U T E D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM WITHOUT DEDUCTING VALUE OF COLLATERAL	UNSECURED PORTION, IF ANY
Account No.			1422 N. Latrobe, Chicago, IL 60651 PIN 16-04-114-033-0000					
City of Chicago - Water Dept 333 S State, Suite 330 Chicago, IL 60604-3979		-						
			Value \$ 77,000.00				7,238.00	7,238.00
Account No.			Mortgage					
Midfirst Bank John Laisle, President 501 N.W. Grand Blvd Oklahoma City, OK 73118		-	1422 N. Latrobe, Chicago, IL 60651 PIN 16-04-114-033-0000					
			Value \$ 77,000.00				90,536.00	13,536.00
Account No.			Representing: Midfirst Bank				Notice Only	
Shapiro & Kreisman, LLC 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015-1831								
			Value \$					
Account No.			Non-Purchase Money Security					
Speedy Cash Illinois Inc 3527 N. Ridge Rd Wichita, KS 67205		-	2002 Dodge					
			Value \$ 0.00				0.00	0.00
Subtotal (Total of this page)							97,774.00	20,774.00
Total (Report on Summary of Schedules)							97,774.00	20,774.00

0 continuation sheets attached

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re Carrolyn Washington

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter 13

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Due	\$	<u>0.00</u>

2. \$ 0.00 of the filing fee has been paid.

3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;
- e. [Other provisions as needed]

7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

Adversary proceedings seeking (1) undue hardship discharge of student loans under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8), or (2) eviction of any tenants of debtor. If requested, LAF may represent debtor in non-bankruptcy matters according to LAF priority guidelines; however, this will require a separate decision.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: September 25, 2015

/s/ Ainat Margalit

Ainat Margalit

LAF

120 S. LaSalle, Suite 900

Chicago, IL 60603-3425

312-341-1070 Fax: 312-341-1041

LAF RETAINER AGREEMENT

I, Carrollyn Washington, request and authorize LAF to represent me for the following legal problem by providing the following services:

Foreclosure and water bill
(description of legal problem)

Ch. 13 bankruptcy
(description of legal services to be provided)

SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT

I understand the following:

- **LAF has not agreed to represent me until an LAF employee signs this retainer on the last page.**
- LAF will decide whether to represent me based on the nature of my problem, the facts of my case, and LAF's resources.
- If my case is accepted for representation, I will get a copy of this agreement, signed by LAF. If my case is not accepted, I will get a letter saying so.
- If my case is accepted, it is only for the services written above.
- If the court or agency makes a decision that is not fully favorable to me, this agreement does **not** require LAF to file an appeal. LAF **may** agree to do so and will let me know as soon as possible.
- If the court or agency awards me a judgment for money, this agreement does not require LAF to collect that money.
- LAF may end this agreement and stop representing me for certain reasons, which are stated in Section 7.

STATEMENT OF TERMS

1) COOPERATION:

I agree to cooperate fully with LAF. This means, among other things, to tell the truth about my case, income and assets; to help LAF get all the facts about my case; to tell LAF right away if my address or phone number change, or if my assets and income change; and to keep all appointments with LAF, including required court dates. (If I cannot keep an appointment, I will notify LAF as soon as possible.)

2) ETHICAL SERVICE:

LAF agrees to act according to applicable ethical rules. This means, among other things, telling me about important events in my case. My case may be assigned to a non-attorney who is supervised by an attorney.

LAF will keep my information confidential as required by ethical rules. However, **I give LAF permission to reveal information about me or my case whenever LAF needs to do so to investigate my case and represent me.** LAF can also

reveal information when it believes the law, legal ethics, or LAF's funders require LAF to do so. LAF is required to reveal confidential information if necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm. LAF will always use reasonable care to protect my private information.

If LAF files a lawsuit in my case, federal law requires LAF to disclose: 1) my name and address; 2) the opposing party's name and address; 3) a description of my case; 4) the case number and court. This information may become available to the general public. I agree that LAF may make these disclosures. LAF will not disclose this information if LAF believes that doing so would put me at risk of physical harm.

I also agree that LAF may disclose or discuss any information about my case that is in court documents or other public documents. LAF may make statements to, for example, the media, LAF's funders, or other organizations. I give LAF permission to do so. If I do not want LAF to discuss my case, I will ask my LAF attorney not to do so.

3) SETTLEMENT:

LAF may discuss with the other side the possibility of reaching an agreement (usually a compromise) that resolves my problem, instead of having the court or agency decide my case. That agreement is called a "settlement." **I have the final say in whether to offer or accept any settlement.** I agree to tell my attorney right away about any settlement offers I get. I agree not to settle the case without talking to my attorney first. LAF will always tell me of any settlement offers from the other side. Section 4 and 5, below, say more about settlements.

4) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS:

LAF may pay certain costs in my case, such as filing charges and expert witness fees. LAF may also have to pay for services such as printing, copying, or court reporting.

LAF will ask the court to make the other side pay these costs when the law allows it to. If the court orders the other side to pay costs, I agree that the costs can be paid back directly to LAF and not to me. **If LAF pays costs and cannot get paid back from the other side, I will pay those costs.** If the court awards me money or I get money in a settlement, I agree that LAF can pay itself back for its costs with that money. LAF may decide I do not have to pay costs if I cannot afford them.

5) ATTORNEYS' FEES:

In some cases, the law allows LAF to claim attorneys' fees from the other side. **LAF has my permission to seek, collect and keep attorneys' fees in those cases.** Fees are an important part of LAF's budget. LAF uses fees to help other clients who cannot afford an attorney. LAF will never ask me to pay fees with money I already have.

LAF may get more money in fees than I get if I win. This is because courts

award fees by multiplying the number of hours the attorney (or paralegal) worked by a reasonable rate per hour. The fees do not depend on how much I get. If the case takes a lot of time, the fees can be a lot more than the amount that goes to the winning party.

I agree that LAF can take its fees out of money from a settlement. LAF will never take more than the court could have awarded—LAF's hours of work multiplied by an hourly rate. The other side might offer money to settle without saying how much goes to me, and how much goes to LAF. If that happens, LAF will let me know how much I would get and how much LAF would get. LAF's share will be, *at the most*, the fees a court could award, plus the costs described in Section 4. LAF may decide to take less.

After LAF tells me how the settlement would be divided, it is my decision whether to accept the settlement offer. LAF will discuss the decision with me. I can ask a non-LAF lawyer, at my expense, for advice on whether to take a settlement when LAF takes part of it as its fees and costs. I will let LAF know if I choose to do that.

If I get a judgment in my favor that includes fees or costs, LAF has my permission to have another law firm of its choice collect the entire judgment. LAF will only do this if LAF believes it is the best way to collect as much of the judgment as possible. The collecting firm may be allowed to reimburse *its* costs and keep the first 30% of the money collected. The remaining money collected will be divided between me and LAF in the same proportion as my part of the judgment is to LAF's part. I authorize the collecting firm to endorse checks made out to me in this process. LAF will let me know whenever any part of my judgment is collected and arrange for me to receive my part of it.

Even if I end this agreement, LAF has the right to seek fees for the work it did, and costs.

6) SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF REPRESENTATION (initial any that apply):

LAF will only represent me if I agree to the following conditions, and can end this agreement if LAF determines I have not complied with them:

____ On or before the ____th of each month, I will deposit with LAF \$____, my monthly rent/mortgage amount, for LAF to keep in an escrow account;

____ I will sign releases permitting LAF to obtain my (or my children's) medical, psychological, educational, or other confidential records;

____ I will agree to settle the case, if possible, on the following terms:

____ Other: _____

7) ENDING THIS AGREEMENT:

This is an agreement **only** for the matter described on page 1. It will end automatically when that case ends.

If the court or agency permits it, I may end this agreement before that time by telling LAF that I no longer want it to be my attorney. If I do that, LAF does not have to get another attorney to represent me.

LAF may end this agreement if

- I do not comply with any part of it;
- LAF cannot locate me;
- I am no longer financially eligible;
- I do not obey a court order that LAF advises me to obey; or
- Ethical rules require LAF to stop representing me.

If there are other reasons why LAF cannot continue to represent me, LAF will let me know.

8) COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

If I have a complaint about LAF, I have the right to have it reviewed as follows:

First, a supervisory attorney will review my complaint and try to solve the problem. If I am not satisfied that the problem was solved, I may have the complaint reviewed by LAF's Executive Director, or someone she designates.

If that person does not resolve my complaint, I may then have my complaint reviewed by a committee or sub-committee of the Board of Directors of LAF.

All complaints will be reviewed within a reasonable period of time after they are made, but no longer than 60 days.

SIGNATURES

By signing this agreement, I am stating that I have read it or have had it explained to me, and I understand it and agree.

Carrolyn Washington
Client

Date: 9/25/15

LAF agrees to represent on the terms set forth in this retainer agreement.

Anat Margalit
Attorney or Paralegal for LAF

Supervising Attorney (of paralegal)
Date: 9-25-15

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER § 342(b)
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a **joint case** (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly-addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days **before** the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the briefing.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the course.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total Fee \$335)

Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, the United States trustee (or bankruptcy administrator), the trustee, or creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total Fee \$310)

Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over

a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1,167 filing fee, \$550 administrative fee: Total Fee \$1,717)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total Fee \$275)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court. The documents and the deadlines for filing them are listed on Form B200, which is posted at http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

B 201B (Form 201B) (12/09)

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re Carrolyn Washington

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter 13

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S)
UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

Certification of Debtor

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Carrolyn Washington

Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

X /s/ Carrolyn Washington

Signature of Debtor

September 25, 2015

Date

Case No. (if known) _____

X _____

Signature of Joint Debtor (if any)

Date

Instructions: Attach a copy of Form B 201 A, Notice to Consumer Debtor(s) Under § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Use this form to certify that the debtor has received the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) **only** if the certification has **NOT** been made on the Voluntary Petition, Official Form B1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the debtor's attorney that the attorney has given the notice to the debtor. The Declarations made by debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers on page 3 of Form B1 also include this certification.

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